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### **To People Interested in BPA's Tiered Rate Methodology Supplemental Rate Case:**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is ready to begin the Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM) Supplemental Proceeding (TRM-12 Supplemental Proceeding). The Federal Register Notice (FRN) of the TRM-12 Supplemental Proceeding was published today and begins the rate proceeding under section 7(i) of the Northwest Power Act.

BPA is reopening the TRM proceeding to consider a limited number of proposed modifications to the TRM. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to section 7 of the Northwest Power Act. The proposed modifications are in accordance with particular provisions of section 12 of the TRM. Section 12 provides that changes to the TRM that are identified and agreed to between BPA and preference customer representatives designated by the Public Power Council (PPC) prior to February 1, 2009, would be proposed in a future 7(i) Process and would not be subject to the more restrictive procedural requirements contained in sections 12 and 13.

A pre-hearing conference will be held June 4, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the BPA Rates Hearing Room. Entities that intervened and became parties to TRM-12 do not need to intervene again in order to become a party to the supplemental proceeding. Other entities wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a petition to intervene, notifying BPA in writing of their intention to do so in conformance with the requirements stated in the FRN. BPA expects to conclude the formal rate process in early September 2009 with a final Record of Decision.

### **Notice of *Ex Parte* in Effect**

A rate case is a legal proceeding wherein BPA is required to follow procedures set out in section 7(i) of the Northwest Power Act. The *ex parte* rules of this legal proceeding prevent BPA from having private discussions about substantive rate case matters beginning today and throughout the duration of the rate case. All discussions relative to alternative approaches must be conducted in publicly noticed meetings.

### **How to Comment on BPA's Tiered Rate Methodology Supplemental Rate Case**

Publication of the TRM-12 Supplemental Proposal is the start of a formal public comment period. The public comment period closes July 8, 2009. Interested members of the public may make written comments between May 28, 2009 and July 8, 2009. Written comments may be made as follows: online at BPA's Web site: [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment); by mail to BPA Public Affairs, DKR-7, P.O. Box 1428, Portland, OR 97293-4428; or by facsimile to (503) 230-3285. Please identify written or electronic copies as "TRM-12S Proceeding" comments.

**For More Information**

For more information about the TRM Supplemental initial proposal, including the FRN, see BPA's Web site at [http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/ratecase/TRM\\_Supplemental/](http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/ratecase/TRM_Supplemental/). If you have questions or want more information than is provided at this Web site, please call us toll free at (800) 622-4519.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Raymond D. Bliven*

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